

# U. S. ARTILLERY ON THE CHAMPAGNE FRONT

## WILSHIRE ON THE TERMINAL POOL ADVISORY BOARD

Jenkins, Back From Meet-  
ing, Says Pool Has Been  
Working Well.

## NOTES OF LOCAL MINERS

J. C. McKinley of Wheeling,  
Here on His Way to  
Washington.

West Virginia was given further representation on the advisory board of the Coal Shippers' Terminal Pooling Association at the meeting at Cleveland Wednesday when Frank Wilshire, general sales manager of the Consolidation, was made a member of the board. Mr. Wilshire makes his headquarters at New York. C. H. Jenkins, president of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association, who is one of the West Virginia members of the advisory board of the Pooling system, attended the meeting at Cleveland and found that the pooling system was proving very satisfactory at most points, although the plan is too new yet for final passing on its merits. The Cleveland pooling arrangement has shown wonderful results. In the past it was sometimes four or five days and sometimes three weeks before cars of coal were delivered after reaching the yards and under the new arrangement the coal is often delivered on the first day of its arrival and never later than the second day. The only complaint of the pooling system is in effect to date came from Akron, Ohio, where jobbers are dissatisfied. There will be a gathering of directors of pools at various points held at Cleveland at which the general director will make further regulations, which are expected to remedy ills at Akron and smooth out the work at other points. At the Akron gathering of coal men at which it was voted to discontinue the pooling system was aimed mainly at the management of the pool. According to the objects of the pooling system, the coal was to be consigned direct to the factories and consumers before the formation of the pool and recently there has been a re-consignment which caused delay and tie-ups frequent under the old system. It was claimed that under present conditions neither the railroads nor the pool were in possession of necessary information regarding coal shipped to Akron. Mr. Jenkins was the only coal man from northern West Virginia at the Cleveland meeting but the southern part of the state had representation in the gathering of coal men.

Hard on Jobbers.  
The price of coal of the same grade will be uniform after April 1, according to unofficial advice which reach Fairmont coal men. The jobber will not be permitted to sell coal at a higher rate than the producer after that time, if the reports which reach Fairmont are correct. The extra fifteen per cent. which is now allowed as the jobbers' commission will be done away with and the jobber must get his commission from the consumer instead of the shipper under the regulations expected to go into effect at that time.

J. C. McKinley, of Wheeling, who is a leading coal man of the Upper Pan-  
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## FOREIGNER MAY NOT HAVE SMALLPOX

Green Sweater Man Now  
Safely Under Quar-  
antine at Jamison No. 7

Latest developments on the "foreigner with the green sweater" is that he is now under quarantine at Jamison Mine No. 7, and the attending physician will be unable to definitely diagnose the case for a day or two. He thinks, however, that the man does not have smallpox, but is ailing with another malady.

After Dr. Criss, the city health officer, loaded him in his car and took him to Jamison No. 8 on Wednesday afternoon, the Italian said that he was not at his home so he boarded the next trolley car and went to Jamison No. 7. The county authorities have been notified that the foreigner has been put under quarantine.

Up until noon today Dr. L. N. Yost, the county health officer, had not received any reports of new cases of smallpox.

## PRESTON CO. MINES TO GET ADVANCE

Operator's Own Fault That  
They Were Left Out  
of Earlier Order.

It develops that the order of the National Fuel Administration permitting the advance in price of coal from the Cumberland and Upper Potomac fields which included Mineral, Grant and Tucker county in West Virginia and the eastern and southeastern portions of Preston county was made on petition of coal operators and was in line with the apparent disposition of the fuel administration to be just in all regulations.

Other "thin vein" operators in Preston county, with activities governed by the same conditions which exist in Tucker county and the portions of Preston county effected by the order, felt that this order was discriminatory and were quick to file complaints with J. V. Gibson, chairman of the coal committee of Preston county, who took it up with J. Walter Barnes at his headquarters here. It is reported that the dissatisfied operators went so far as to threaten to close down their mines in case the matter was not adjusted. Such action turns out to have been ridiculous for it was simply a matter of granting the increase to those operators and fields requesting it. The Preston county operators who had no organization or manifested no interest in the fixing of prices were the losers by the action.

However, the National Fuel Administration is disposed to give the advance to operators in nearby places who mine coal under similar conditions to the district affected as is shown in a telegram to J. Walter Barnes from E. Q. Townsend, who is in charge of "production" in the National Fuel Administration:

"Please wire exact boundaries which you believe should be applied to recent order affecting Cumberland and Upper Potomac fields. We may decide to include territory to west and southwest of our present definition without formality or requiring petition."

This telegram will be phoned to Mr. Barnes at Charleston today where he is expected to address a gathering of chairman of county coal committees at the Chamber of Commerce. Forecasts of his answer to the telegram include all the "thin vein" operations in Preston county if not in a still wider territory. The coal operations in Preston are nearly all of this variety as the Pittsburgh vein is touched at a very few points.

## DRAFT BOARD NO 2 IS ALMOST HALT THROUGH ITS TESTS

135 Took the Physical Exam-  
ination at Mannington  
Today.

One hundred and thirty-five Class 1 men were ordered to appear at the First National Bank building in Mannington today to take the physical examination for the draft. Yesterday there were one hundred and twenty men ordered before the county board for examination. The men summoned today make a total of 355 of the 800 first class men that have been before the board.

Yesterday all Class 1 men holding order numbers 113-1114 inclusive were examined. Today those holding order numbers 1124-1647 inclusive were examined.

Examinations begin on the third floor of the First National Bank building each morning at 9 o'clock and continue until late in the afternoon. Every person registered in Marion  
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## Only One Missing From Physical Exams

John Ledree Stiffler arrived in Fairmont yesterday from New York City to take the physical examination for the draft. Stiffler was among the 60 men called to appear at the Y. M. C. A. on Monday but being so far away was unable to get here on that day. He was given his physical examination yesterday.

With the exception of Paul R. Montgomery, the local board has been able to locate all of the 60 men called Monday. At the time of his call for physical examination, he was supposed to have been in Watermeet, Wash. His order number is 256. Any of his friends knowing anything of his whereabouts should see that he reports at the office of the local board immediately.

## Washington's Birthday In Fairmont (An Editorial.)

NE week from tomorrow will occur the anniversary of the birth of George Washington. It will be celebrated throughout the length and breadth of the land more elaborately than usual this year, but unless something is done immediately it will pass practically without notice in Fairmont and Marion county, as actually was the case with the Lincoln anniversary. It seems to The West Virginian that this is all wrong at a time like the present; that this coming holiday, so dear to the hearts of all true Americans and so inspirational, presents an opportunity which should not be permitted to pass unembraced.

We have been in the great war eleven months. Much has been done in that time. Indeed the period is so crowded with events that it would take some time to review them. Much is yet to be done—new loans and levies to be raised and sacrifices to be made. It is time there was some effort to consult together about it all.

The time available for arrangements is brief, so whatever is undertaken must be of the simplest nature. Perhaps this is a fortunate circumstance, for a simple gathering of the people of the whole county in this city on the evening of Friday of next week to do honor to the two great men of the early days of the Republic whose birthdays fall in this month, and to consider the present and the immediate future as they bear upon the people of this county would serve the purpose very well. It would be in keeping with the occasion and the purpose and it can easily be made interesting enough to draw to it a large number of the patriotic men and women in the county.

A meeting presided over by Judge Haymond and addressed for twenty minutes by some local orator, any one of the two or three whose names will suggest themselves to practically every reader in such a connection, and then a program which would include the reading of letters from Marion county boys in the cantonments and in France and little talks from Marion county fathers and mothers—especially mothers—who have boys in the service; a program in short along the line suggested some months ago by Paul Lange, president of the Rotary club, who thinks a meeting of this kind should be held at least once a month, interspersed with some good music of an appropriate nature, would possess an interest and an importance which no elaborate celebration could hope to have.

But we have no desire to do anything more than suggest this movement and then give it all the support that we can while the preparations are being made if it is decided to have it. The actual plans ought to be in charge of a committee composed of the people who have been in close touch with the war activities in the county. City Commissioner J. Walter Barnes in his capacity as chairman of the Marion County Defense Council is the logical leader in the movement, but unfortunately he is out of the city on an official journey in connection with his duties as West Virginia Fuel Administrator. Fortunately, however, Mayor Bowen, in his capacity of mayor and official host of the city in which the gathering is to be held, can take the lead in a matter of this kind both with propriety and great natural aptitude. We suggest that the Mayor call a meeting of the following people to be held at his office not later than Saturday to make plans for the meeting, and that the committee having formulated a program, draft whoever they need throughout the county to help make the affair a success:

J. Walter Barnes, chairman of the County Council of Defense.  
Mrs. Vaughn Joliffe, chairman of the Fairmont chapter of the Red Cross.

Mrs. James A. Meredith, president of the Woman's club.  
Dr. C. E. Goodwin, president of the Fairmont Ministerial Union.  
J. M. Jacobs, president of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce.  
Captain Kemble White, chairman of Draft Board No. 1.  
George W. Bowers, chairman of Draft Board No. 2.

If these ladies and gentlemen will act promptly we feel sure they will be able to arrange a meeting which will be a credit to the county and to themselves. We hope they will all take these suggestions in the spirit in which they are made and will lend themselves to the cause with enthusiasm. We feel sure we can promise them loyal support upon the part of the public.

## FOUR MORE LADS LEAVE FOR ARMY

Two of Them are Volunteers  
and Two are Involuntary  
Recruits.

Four Fairmont registrants will leave this evening for various army cantonments. Two are voluntary and two are involuntary inductions.

Ashton Lewis, colored, order number 50-a and Sam Talevic, order number 51-a will leave tonight for Camp Lee, Va. Both failed to register on June 5 and are automatically inducted into military service. They will be in charge of Forrest Glenn Hall, order number 73, also of this city. Mr. Hall will take the men to Camp Lee and after performing this duty will enlist in the Coast Artillery. He was voluntarily inducted into this branch of service by an order from the chief of the department.

John Edward Stevens, order number 799 will leave this evening for Washington, D. C., where he will enter the sanitary corps of the army. Stevens is under the jurisdiction of the local board but he is voluntarily inducted into service.

Charles Ray Hunter, order number 167, and Paul Billingslea, order number 121, have made application for immediate induction into the engineering regiment at Vancouver, Wash. It is very likely that the two men will entrain some time Saturday.

PRIVATE COLLINS HOME.  
Private James Alfred Collins, of Fairview, has been home on a furlough from Camp Shelby, Miss. He visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins, of Fairview, and also his sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Floyd, of Farmington. Private Collins likes the service and after seeing friends here was very anxious to return to camp.

Mrs. A. L. Heffner has returned from Morgantown where she had been the guest of friends.

## BLUE MONDAYS AT END IN THIS STATE

Fuel Administrator Barnes  
Received Official Notifi-  
cation from Garfield.

"Blue Mondays" are a thing of the past as far as West Virginia is concerned and probably throughout the country. The National Fuel Administration has suspended the order "until further notice," and puts it up to the Fuel Administrator of each state to take the same course if deemed expedient. J. Walter Barnes, Fuel Administrator for West Virginia, is in the southern part of the state but H. H. Rose, his executive secretary, is in the northern part of the state. The telegram to Mr. Barnes reads:

"In view of the improvement in weather and transportation conditions and results already obtained an order was issued suspending, until further notice, provisions of the Monday closing order of Jan. 17, excepting that section one of said order is to continue in force until further notice. Each state fuel administrator is, however, authorized in his discretion to continue the order in force within his state if he considers local emergency demands it. If you contemplate a continuance of the order in your state please communicate with us immediately."

There is not a chance of "emergencies" in West Virginia requiring a continuance of this order which has been minutely observed because such a course evidenced loyalty on the part of West Virginians and not because the amount of fuel saved was considered to be of sufficient quantity to materially reduce the coal shortage.

The first three heatless Mondays were cold days and the closing of stores did not cause so much inconvenience in northern West Virginia as on Monday of this week when the enforced holiday was sufficiently annoying to make the announcement of a discontinuance of the closing order very welcome.

## SALVATION ARMY HEADS GRATEFUL FOR LOCAL WORK

East Side Schools Made Gen-  
erous Contribution to  
Fund.

## WORD FROM CO. TOWNS

Indications Are Their Con-  
tributions Were on a Lib-  
eral Scale.

Appreciation for Fairmont and Marion county's part in the Salvation army-war drive is expressed in a telegram sent by Evangeline Booth of New York city, the commander of the army in the United States and another from Col. Evans of Pittsburgh.

Here is what Commander Booth has wired Captain O'Brien:

"Congratulations on your success of campaign. Express sincere appreciation to Chairman W. J. Wiegand and committees for generous support and co-operation. This is splendid."

Col. Evans' telegram to Captain O'Brien reads as follows: "Heartiest congratulations on success of campaign. Am writing Mr. Wiegand conveying my appreciation."

Mr. Wiegand received the letter today. It is as follows:

Pittsburgh Pa.,  
February 13, 1918.

Mr. W. J. Wiegand,  
Fairmont, W. Va.,  
My dear Mr. Wiegand:

Words are too weak to express the deep gratitude I feel for the splendid effort put forth by yourself and our friends in Fairmont for the war fund for our soldier boys in France. My own boy is at Fort Monroe, and doubtless he too will be at the front. I am, therefore, expressing the gratitude of a father as well as a leader of The Salvation Army and you will have, I am sure, the sincere thanks either directly or indirectly from others whose boys have gone to the front or are going to the front, for the sacrifice of time and money and effort that you have made in order to insure the success of this campaign. Convey my thanks to all concerned and believe me.

Very sincerely yours,  
WILLIAM EVANS,  
Colonel.

This morning Mr. Wiegand received the collection lifted at the Rivesville school. It amounted to \$5.50 which is a splendid showing.

How much the school children were interested in the movement can be gleaned by the fact that the primary department of the Montana school, taught by Miss Margaret Prickett gave \$2.01. The entire school of which D. C. Goodnight is principal gave \$3.75. There are 108 pupils in the Montana school.

Mannington has done very well according to the reports which Mr. Wiegand has received from the commission of that city.

The school children of the East Side have contributed the sum of \$19.54 to the Salvation army war fund. Of this amount the high school gave \$2.55, the Central school \$10.07, the East Park school \$5.90 and the State street school \$1.32. This is considered a splendid showing for these schools and is gratifying to the school officials as well as those in charge of the Salvation Army War Fund.

The East Side school children have already purchased \$150 worth of the Thrift stamps and a number of the pupils already have war savings stamps. The children show much interest in the Thrift stamp campaign and stamps are purchased daily from Superintendent Husted who keeps a supply on hand all the time.

The East Side schools are also making a remarkable showing in the amount of Red Cross work accomplished during the past month. The high school has made approximately forty hospital shirts in addition to a larger number of fracture pillows.

## Cold Water Party Elects Delegates

A meeting of the state prohibition executive committee was held in Clarksburg Tuesday for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national convention which will be held in Chicago on March 5.

O. J. Fleming, of this city, was among the delegates appointed. The delegates are: J. W. Bedford, of Parsons; O. J. Fleming, of Fairmont; Squire Halstead, of Nicholas county; J. Goodloe Jackson, of Jane Lew, and J. Howard Holt, of Moundsville. D. C. Koon of Monongah, was appointed as one of the alternates.

## CAPTAIN K.D. WALKER 81 YEARS OLD TODAY

Oldest Past Master of Ma-  
sonic Grand Lodge,  
Celebrating Today.

One of Fairmont's most popular and best liked citizens, Captain Kephart D. Walker is today celebrating his eighty first birthday anniversary at his home, 518 Field street, with the little family group surrounding him. The entire day was sort of a festive event, but Captain Walker said that he "Hooverized" in his menus.

Probably no man is better known in Masonic circles in Fairmont and throughout the entire state than Captain Walker who had signal honors conferred upon him by practically every body that he is member of. In the first place he is a thirty third degree Mason, the highest there is. He is a past grand master of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia; a past high priest of the Holy Arch Chapter of West Virginia, and a past generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia. He is a past officer naturally of all the subordinate bodies here and also is an active member in the West Virginia Consistory. Scottish Rite Masons of Wheeling. Captain Walker is the oldest living past officer in all the grand bodies and no doubt is the oldest member of the Masonic fraternity in the State of West Virginia and among the oldest in the country.

But Captain Walker is not an aged man in his actions and only snowy white locks of hair betray him. He had been an enthusiastic member of Osiris Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Wheeling, until a few years ago, when he decided to pass this activity to the more youthful members. Despite his years Captain Walker navigates well and seldom misses lodge meetings unless the pavements are so coated with ice that it is dangerous for him to attend. Tonight he will attend a special meeting of Fairmont lodge of Masons and will be extended congratulations.

Captain Walker is a retired railroad man. He served as a telegraph operator, station master, fireman, brakeman, "conductor" and in fact almost everything but the Presidency," says the genial Fairmontite. He is a native of Somerset county, Pa., but those parts with his parents when six weeks old.

Captain Walker has lived at almost every town along the historic Baltimore and Ohio railroad company, between Baltimore and Wheeling. He has lived in Fairmont for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker who celebrated the event fittingly will be married sixty years in September. Captain and Mrs. Walker's daughters, Mrs. Fred Bartlett of Mannington and Mrs. W. B. Rector of Belington; Mrs. F. S. Thompson of Clarksburg, and Mrs. D. W. Dorsey of Fairmont, were included in the little family group today. Mrs. A. L. Horcher, of Newburgh, a granddaughter, was also in attendance.

## CLASSIFICATIONS ARE NOW COMPLETE

The following classifications, which practically completes the list for the local draft board were announced yesterday evening:

| Class 1.  |                             |
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| Order No. |                             |
| 620       | Pasquale Vetrli.            |
| 420       | Verne Wade.                 |
| 1147      | Chas. J. Powell.            |
| 1495      | George Sidney Wilkinson.    |
| 999       | John Edward Harker.         |
| 805       | Glenn Morgan.               |
| 705       | Robert Lee Fawcett.         |
| 1403      | Lawrence Alfred Petty.      |
| 1573      | John Daniel Porter.         |
| 1448      | Charles Ray Huffman.        |
| 1371      | Walter M. Augustus.         |
| 1223      | Hershel DeWitt Kingcald.    |
| 1196      | L. N. Merrifield.           |
| 1175      | Frank B. Gregory.           |
| 196       | Dalton Evans Vanfleet.      |
| Class 2.  |                             |
| 1211      | Peter Francis McLinden, Jr. |
| 1378      | Elith Leo Prendergast.      |
| 1558      | Robert E. Wilson.           |

## Junior Class Actors Tomorrow at Chapel

An interesting chapel exercise will be conducted tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock at the high school auditorium when the Junior class under the direction of Misses Benlah Davis and Ruth Ross will present four scenes taken from Silas Marner. The following is the cast: Silas Marner, Brock Showalter; Eppie, Ruth Feather; Dolly Winsor, Katherine Ford; Aaron Winthrop, Percy Prickett; Godfrey Cass, Charles Loar; Nancy Cass, Shagah Baker; Mr. Macy, Joseph Carpenter; Mr. Snell, Thomas Springer; Ben Winthrop, Tom Kain; Jen Rodney, Clay Mills; Bob Lundy, Joe Thomas; Mr. Dowlas, Thomas Deveney.

## U.S. GUNNERS AND FRENCH INFANTRY TO STRIKE A BLOW

French Report Says They  
Rendered Effective  
Service.

## FRENCH TAKE PRISONERS

Action Took Place in the  
Region East of  
Rheims.

(By Associated Press).  
PARIS, Feb. 14.—American batteries took part in the Artillery bombardment in connection with a large French raid in the Champagne yesterday. It is announced officially. Effective assistance was given by American gunners.

The statement follows: "A German attempt against a small French post on the Aisne front was repulsed. There were lively artillery actions in the region east of Rheims in the Champagne. In the large raid yesterday American batteries gave very effective support."

"The number of prisoners taken by the French on actually enumerated exceeds 150."

This is the first mention of American batteries on the Champagne front.

## FATHER AND SON DINNER SATURDAY

Several High School Stu-  
dents Will Be Among the  
Speakers.

"Father and Son Week" will be observed locally in Fairmont by a gathering of fathers and sons at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night at 6 o'clock for dinner. No man will be admitted to the dinner without a boy, and every boy must come with a man. Tickets may be obtained at the Y. M. C. A. for seventy cents and are good for both man and boy.

Several of the high school boys will speak at the dinner, and will be answered in return by the fathers; and the evening will be spent setting better acquainted.

The day originally fixed for the dinner was Friday, but it was changed to Saturday today.

## PEACE DEBATE IN BERLIN NEXT WEEK

Chancellor von Hertling Ex-  
pected to Reply to Wilson  
Week From Today.

(By Associated Press).  
LONDON, Feb. 14.—An important peace debate will begin in the German Reichstag on February 21, according to a wireless dispatch from Amsterdam. Chancellor von Hertling will discuss the treaty with the Ukraine and will reply to President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and Premier Orlando.

An Amsterdam dispatch received in London Tuesday reported that Count von Hertling intended to answer President Wilson's message in the Reichstag next Tuesday.

## Germans Continue To Enslave Belgians

(By Associated Press).  
HAVRE, Feb. 14.—Deportation of Belgians by the Germans are continuing despite protestation to the contrary according to information received by the Belgian government. Within the past few weeks the Germans have carried off 2,700 persons from the town of Lokeren in east Flanders and put them on military work on the western front.